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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

2 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service recently
3 announced plans to reduce delivery service from six days a week
4 to five days a week, beginning in August of 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, American businesses, organizations, and citizens
6 have depended on six-day mail service for the timely delivery
7 of important documents since 1912; and

8 WHEREAS, Eliminating Saturday delivery would affect most
9 Americans, but particularly rural residents, senior citizens,
10 small businesses, and working families who rely on the postal
11 service for receipt of their paychecks; and

12 WHEREAS, The reduction in service would inevitably create a
13 backlog of undelivered mail, as postal workers would have fewer
14 days in which to handle the same amount of mail; and

15 WHEREAS, This backlog would delay mail delivery or increase
16 the cost of postal service, as postal employees work overtime
17 hours to ensure timely delivery of the mail; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the decision
20 of the United States Congress, in recognition of the Postal

1 Service's duty to operate in the public interest, to require it
2 to maintain its current delivery schedule; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 delivered to the United States Postmaster General and each
5 member of the Illinois congressional delegation.